

Yeocomico Church, Yeocomico
Westmoreland County
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YEOCOMICO CHURCH
Yeocomico, Westmoreland County, Virginia

Owner: Episcopal Church

Date of erection: 1706

Condition: Good

Description:

The church is of brick laid in irregular bond, but with English bond predominating. In the brickwork are worked various moulded and carved brick, the significance of which has never been determined. The building is one story high with a high gable roof, which has well defined splayed eaves. Originally the plan was a simple rectangle, but an addition was made to the north side at some time during the eighteenth century. On the south side is the original porch, of brick with a diminutive gable similar to the main roof. The entrance opening is framed by a triple-arched head approximating tracery. Above two semi-circular arches is a single similar arch. The fenestration is irregular and has been subject to much restoration work.

The main door is in ^{one of which} ~~two leaves~~. Each is double-sheathed, horizontally inside, vertically outside. One leaf contains a small wicket door. The exterior has the joints in the sheathing covered by cleats laid on to form long panels. The interior of the door has some notable strap-hinges with fleur-de-lis terminals.

The interior of the church has suffered from restoration work. The ceiling originally seems to have been a "wagon roof" with the chamfered timber frame projecting below wood sheathing. This latter has now been removed, making an open-timbered roof. The rest of the interior has also been altered, though much early material remains, including what is probably the original communion table.

Additional data:

The church was abandoned after the Revolution and suffered some damage in the War of 1812. It was restored to use c. 1820.

Reference: Historic Northern Neck of Virginia by H. Ragland Eubank, Colonial Beach, 1934.

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